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FM: THE SITUATION ROOM

TO: GEN HAIG

DECEMBER 5, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

THE WASHINGTON POST

AN ACCOUNT OF YOUR MEETINGS YESTERDAY IN PARIS APPEARS ON PAGE 1 OF THE POST THIS MORNING. THE FLORIDA WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED THAT YOU WOULD MEET AGAIN TODAY WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. THE STORY NOTES BOTH DELEGATES AND THEIR AIDES EMERGED POKER-FACED FROM THE SECOND MEETING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

REITERATED THAT THE "PRINCIPLE" OF A NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOP  
WITHDRAWAL MUST BE "INSCRIBED IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER" IN THE  
CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. LAM ALSO:

- DENIED THAT SAIGON IS SEEKING "IN ANY WAY TO PLACE  
OBSTACLES TO PEACE BY EXCESSIVE OR UNREASONABLE  
DEMANDS;"
- NOTED THAT THE HANOI TROOP WITHDRAWAL PROBLEM WAS  
"CAPITAL;"
- URGED THAT THE POST CEASE-FIRE TRANSITION MACHINERY'S  
MANDATE BE LIMITED SPECIFICALLY TO THE ORGANIZATION  
OF ELECTIONS; AND
- REITERATED SAIGON'S OBJECTION TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL  
OF RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD.

MEANWHILE, YOU WERE NOTED ABSORBED IN LESS CRUCIAL MATTERS.  
RETURNING TO PARIS, YOU STOPPED BY A BUILDING ON THE LEFT BANK  
QUAI VOLTAIRE, PICKED UP AN UNIDENTIFIED BLONDE WOMAN, AND DROVE  
HER BACK TO THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. (A-1)

A PICTURE OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR OBRYNIN AND WALTER STOESSEL OF  
STATE SIGNING AGREEMENTS TO BUILD NEW EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON  
AND MOSCOW APPEARS ON PAGE A-2.

ACCORDING TO HARVARD PROFESSOR JAMES Q. WILSON, YOU INDICATED  
TO HIM ON NOVEMBER 28 THAT YOU HAD NOT YET MADE A DECISION ABOUT  
RETURNING TO YOUR PROFESSORSHIP AT HARVARD. YOUR DECISION WILL  
BE FORTHCOMING WITHIN ONE MONTH. (A-3)

PEACE AGREEMENT AND WARNED AGAINST SPECULATION THAT A CEASE-FIRE IS IMMINENT. THE FOREGOINGSIS NOED IN A ST YFROM SAIGON AS

PRESIDENT THIEU'S FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER, NGUYEN PHU DUC, RETURNED TO SAIGON AFTER HIS MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON WITH PRESIDENT NIXON AND YOU. A REPORT IN THE SAIGON NEWSPAPER, TIN SONG , QUOTED "HIGH LEVEL SOURCES" AS SAYING THERE COULD BE NO CEASE-FIRE BY DECEMBER 15. /"#3-07.3 "SOURCES" ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID: "IT IS NOT CLEAR-SIGHTED TO SET A DEADLINE FOR THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT, WHEN THE MAIN POINTS ARE NOT YET RESOLVED." (A-21)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

A VIETNAMESE SOURCE CLOSE TO PRESIDENT THIEU SAID TODAY THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THIEU WOULD SIGN THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT THAT IS EXPECTED TO EMERGE FROM YOUR MEETINGS WITH THO. THE COMMENT CAME AS A RESPONSE TO SENATOR PERCY'S STATEMENTS TO LAM THAT SAIGON COULD NOT COUNT ON CONTINUED AMERICAN SUPPORT IF HIS GOVERNMENT REJECTED THE CURRENT PEACE EFFORT. THE UNDISCLOSED SOURCE REITERATED THIEU'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN STRONG TIES WITH WASHINGTON. (A-1)

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE SWISS AMBASSADOR TO CUBA WAS FLYING TO WASHINGTON TO CONSULT WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS TOMORROW ON THE PROGRESS SO FAR IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH CUBA FOR AN AGREEMENT AGAINST HIJACKINGS. (A-2)

IN HELSINKI, AMBASSADOR VAL PETERSON SAID TODAY THAT A CAREFULLY PREPARED CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY COULD MAKE A GENUINE CONTRIBUTION TO RECONCILIATION AMONG NATIONS AND THAT EUROPE'S SECURITY IS INDIVISIBLE FROM OUR OWN. THE SOVIET UNION HAS PROPOSED THAT THE CONFERENCE BE IN JUNE IN HELSINKI. AMBASSADOR PETERSON ARGUED THAT THE BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO AGREE ON AGENDA ITEMS BEFORE DECIDING ON A SITE FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS. (A-10)

EFFORTS AND STATEMENTS ON "PEACE" AND SAYS THAT IN THE MEAN-  
TIME THERE IS NO PEACE. THE AUTHOR GOES ON TO CITE SOME HIS-  
TORICAL EXAMPLES OF SIMILAR VIETNAM PEACE EFFORTS AND INDICATES  
THEIR FAILURES IN THE END. CLUBB FEELS THAT WE ARE IMPOSING A  
SETTLEMENT ON THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO THEIR  
PEOPLE. HE CONCLUDES BY ASKING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE U.S.  
WILL IN FACT PERMIT THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLE TO DETERMINE THEIR  
OWN POLITICAL DESTINY.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

JOHN WOODRUFF'S ARTICLE INDICATES THAT LON NOL IS WORRIED ABOUT  
CONDITIONS IN CAMBODIA AFTER A CEASE-FIRE. THE CAMBODIAN ARMY  
IS CORRUPT AND INFERIOR TO THE VC UNITS WHICH GOVERNMENT OFFI-  
CIALS HOPE WILL BE REMOVED FROM CAMBODIAN SOIL BY A CEASE-FIRE.

ACCORDING TO AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS IN PARIS, THE DRAFT AGREEMENT  
CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF "FOREIGN TROOPS" FROM CAMBODIA INCLUDES  
BOTH NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG UNITS. (A-2)

EDWARD WU REPORTS THAT CHINA IS MOVING SWIFTLY TO ESTABLISH  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND FOLLOWING  
THE RECENT ELECTION VICTORIES OF OPPOSITION PARTIES THERE. A  
LEADING TAIWAN NEWSPAPER YESTERDAY WARNED THAT NATIONALIST  
EMBASSIES IN CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON MAY SOON HAVE TO BE WITH-  
DRAWN AFTER THE TWO COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE PEKING. (A-2)

THE JUDICIALISTS IN ARGENTINA ARE SCRAMBLING TO NAME A POLITICAL  
SUCCESSOR TO JUAN PERON, WHO HAS ALL BUT ABANDONED THE PRESIDEN-  
TIAL CANDIDACY. CANDIDATES FOR THAT OFFICE MUST BE REGISTERED  
BY DECEMBER 21. PERON HAS NOT YET INDICATED HIS CHOICE FOR THE  
NOMINATION, BUT SPECULATION OF EITHER FORMER PRESIDENT MEDINA  
OR RICARDO BALBIN HAVE SURFACED. (A-4)

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